Railway Passenger Amenities Committees and Passenger Services Committee in 1996;

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether new private vending/ catering contracts have been allotted to private persons either on Railway Stations or in trains since constitution of present Railway Passenger Amenities Committees and Passenger Services Committee;

(d) if so, the details thereof, Railway Station and train-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINSITER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) and (b) The Chairman and Members of the Passenger Amenities Committees and Passenger Services Committee have inspected various stations on the Indian Railways and in their Inspection Notes pointed out deficiencies noticed there. The observations of the Committees have been brought to the notice of the Zonal Railways concerned for taking remedial action.

(c) to (e) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Detachment of AC-3 Tier Coaches from Neelai Express

3017. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDRAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the AC-3 tier coaches on Nellai Express (Southern Railway) have been detached;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) whether there is any proposal to re-attach AC-3 tier coaches on the said train?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir. 6119/6120 Madras-Tirunelveli Nellai Express is a Metre Gauge train and there is no Metre Gauge A.C. 3 tier coach with Indian Railways.

Construction of Railway guest house in Kanyakumari

3018. SHRI N. THALAVAI SUNDARAM: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to construct a railway guest house at the Tourist Centre in Kanyakumari; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard and the time for its completion?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Passenger Facilities on Delhi-Punjab Trains

3019. SHRI MOHINDER SINGH KALYAN: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether proper facilities are not being provided to the passengers in the trains running from Delhi to Punjab;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether any action is taken on the complaints made by the passengers in this regard and whether a reply is sent to the complainant; and

(d) the steps being taken by Government to ensure that the passengers may not have any problems on these trains?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI SATPAL MAHARAJ): (a) Adequate and proper facilities are provided to the passengers in the trains running from Delhi to Punjab.